



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES – SUMMARY REPORT

Date Received	Topic	Submitted By	Summary of request	Board Update
October 21, 2024	FIFA Training Site at Memorial South Park - Tree Removals	Commissioner Digby	The Venue Specific Training Sites for FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver™ Update memo advises that a number of trees will need to be removed as part of the project work at Memorial South Park. Has this plan been reviewed by the Park Board, and will any removed trees be replanted?	The designs for the Venue Specific Training Sites for FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver™ are being prepared by professional consultants under the guidance of Park Board staff. The plans for tree removal at the Memorial South Park training site are being reviewed by Park Board landscape architects and certified arborists. The proposed site design was developed to avoid major impacts to mature trees. Up to 15 trees will be removed, including seven that are dead. Of the remaining eight, half of which are small in size, some will be removed to facilitate servicing upgrades that will enhance the park's long-term usability. In alignment with the City of Vancouver's mandate to prioritize the protection and retention of trees in all projects, staff will adhere to the Urban Forest Strategy, which specifies a replacement tree planting ratio of 1:1. This means we will be providing 15 new trees to replace all removed trees regardless of their current condition.
October 21, 2024	FIFA Training Site at Memorial South Park – Other Park Amenity Projects	Commissioner Bastovanszky	Are there any other amenity upgrades occurring at Memorial South Park, separate from the FIFA Training Site Upgrades (Playground, splash pad)?	At Memorial South Park the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver™ training sites project will provide upgraded utilities (storm, water, sanitary and electrical services), new field lights, a renewed grass field within the oval, and a resurfaced track surface. There are several other projects happening in this park including: renovation of the pond in the north east portion of the park (which is in progress), resurfacing of the pavement of the entry drive on 41st Avenue (in progress), greening of a recently acquired park property in the south portion of the park, and design of the new inclusive playground and spray park which is scheduled to begin construction after the FIFA event. The pond renewal and playground/spray park renewal projects are in keeping with Board motions in 2023 and 2024.
October 21, 2024	FIFA Training Site at Memorial South Park - Petition	Commissioner Jensen	Are Park Board staff aware of a petition that has been started regarding the FIFA Memorial South Park? Could the concerns raised in the petition be addressed in a future memo back to the Board?	Staff are aware of the petition on the www.change.org website presented by a group named Friends of Memorial South Park entitled "Our Park, Not FIFA's Field". Staff can address the concerns raised in this petition in a memo to the Board. Additionally, project information including responses to frequently asked questions from residents is available on the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver™ Training Sites website at: <a data-bbox="1405 1377 2575 1471" href="https://www.vancouverfwc26.ca/training-sites#:~:text=Each%20of%20the%2016%20Host,Park%20and%20Memorial%20South%20Park.">https://www.vancouverfwc26.ca/training-sites#:~:text=Each%20of%20the%2016%20Host,Park%20and%20Memorial%20South%20Park.